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Lively Debate

In the Senate---Tillman Becomes Facetious at the Expense of his Friend Spooner---Tillman Prods the Attorney General.

Washington, March 28.—Mr. Tillman and Mr. McCumber divided the time of the Senate today. Mr. Tillman referred to his resolution concerning the contributions of national banks to campaign committees and made it the basis for a reference to the differences between District Attorney Jerome and Judge O'Sullivan as to the applicability of existing law to the liability of insurance companies for the same offense. Whatever doubt might exist as to insurance companies there could, he said, be none as to national banks. These, he believed, constitute malfeasance in office and call for punishment under the law. He knew of one case in which \$17,000 had been contributed to the Republican campaign fund in 1896 and he had reason to believe that no less than \$1,000,000 had been so given by the national banks that year. He also spoke of Judge Humphrey's recent decision in the beef packer's case and declared that the tendency was to punish a man of straw, the corporations, without paying attention to the individuals. He declared that we were "too infernally anxious" about this artificial man, he wanted the beneficiary looked after. No doubt, he said, the law was correctly interpreted, but that was the trouble—he wanted the law reformed. "Now, there's Mr. Jerome," he said, "He, too, has fallen from grace and is out against reform."

Mr. Tillman quoted Mr. Spooner's recent speech and remarked:

"Cartoons often point out some pertinent facts."

"The last cartoon I saw of the Senator from South Carolina," said Mr. Spooner, "showed him being kicked over by a donkey."

"The last I saw," said Mr. Tillman, "showed me riding the donkey and the elephant tied to the donkey's tail."

Mr. Tillman declared that the Attorney General was the direct progenitor of the doctrine that the corporations could be punished, but not their officers and stockholders. He laid down the principal in the case of Mr. Merton and the President had accepted the doctrine, both exclaiming, "He's clean and honorable and should be immune; go after the dirty railroad."—The decision in the packer's case was a natural consequence, he said, the Attorney General had been "hoist by his own petard." Moreover, he was afraid that we were trying to find some way of how not to do it in the matter of railroads. He wanted it under-

Happenings from Heath Springs to Liberty Hill---Newsy Letter from "G. R. C."

Mr. Editor: The month of March has been very unfavorable for the advancement of farm work. So much rain has fallen that very little plowing has been done. However, quite a lot of guano has been hauled and we are apprehensive that a number of our farmers will, if permitted by the weather conditions, plant too great an acreage in cotton.—We hope however that they will not do so, as it is useless to handle ten bales for the same that can be realized for six. And the cotton associations cannot possibly keep up the price if the farmers do not follow their advice and keep down acreage.

Messrs W. B. Twitty & Co. have placed an "up-to-date" soda fountain in their drugstore and are prepared to dispense the cooling beverage which refreshes but does not inebriate.

Miss Susie Mae Cloyd, of Lancaster, spent several days here last week with her friend Mrs. G. C. Cauthen.

Mr. A. P. Horton, the popular carrier of R. F. D. No. 3 has bought a lot and intends building a residence soon.

Miss M. Ella Beattie, who has been teaching school in the Waxhaw section, returned to her home near Russel Place last Saturday, her school having closed.

Work on the railroad is progressing very satisfactorily, and it will not be a great while before the people along the line can hear the puff of the locomotive on "The Carolina Central."

The handsome and commodious residence of Mr. S. W. Heath is so nearly completed that Mr. Heath and family are occupying a portion of it while the workmen are completing the rest.

Dr. P. B. Hill has moved from Liberty Hill to Magill, in order to be more convenient to his post of duty as physician for The Southern Granite Co.

Miss Margie McDow, of Charleston, is visiting her cousin, Miss Clara Johnston, at the Hill.

G. R. C.

Lancaster Farmers Progressive.

From Camden Messenger.

Lancaster is going right ahead with building cotton warehouses. A warehouse to cost \$8,000 at Lancaster, \$7,000 at Heath Springs and \$5,000 at Kershaw. The farmers up there must be progressive.

stood that he believed that such a course should be prohibited.

Mr. Tillman declared that he had not intended to criticize Judge Humphrey. He also avowed his faith in the Supreme Court, saying that he did not believe that it would refuse to relieve the distress of the people.

Beautifying the Cemeteries.

The Commendable Work Being Done by the Civic Improvement Committee ---Thanks Tendered by the Committee to Those who Have Extended Aid.

Editor The News: The Civic Improvement Committee is making a strenuous effort to improve the cemeteries of the town.—Our worthy town council has secured the services of Mr. W. J. Evans for cemeteries, who is doing the work faithfully and well. The shrubbery and evergreens need pruning, which will be done by Mr. Evans, if there is no objection.

Every one is asked to co-operate in the good work, and contributions of flowers, evergreens and seeds will be most gratefully received for beautifying cemeteries.

Thanks are hereby tendered to Mrs. T. C. Hicks for a wagon load of fertilizer; and to the Heath-Elliott livery stable for hauling the same to new cemetery, and to every person who has given assistance in any way.

"Civic Improvement Com."

'Squire Secrest has Fine Mule Killed on Railroad.

A very fine mule belonging to 'Squire T. W. Secrest, of the Osceola neighborhood, was run down and killed by southbound passenger train No. 41 last Friday night about one o'clock.—Two mules and one horse belonging to 'Squire Secrest had broken out of the lot in the fore part of the night and had wandered over on the railroad nearly a mile from home, where they were grazing when the train came along. The two mules were standing right by the track when the train came suddenly upon them. The whistle blew, and the mule that was killed, in trying to escape, got on the track and ran down the road about 25 yards before it was struck by the train and instantly killed, as is believed.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

Capt. Welsh has Score of Sheep Killed by Dogs.

Special to The State.

Kershaw, March 28.—Realizing the profit to be derived from sheep, Capt. J. V. Welsh, who has some very fine pasture lands near town, decided to embark in the business, if only on a small scale, as an experiment. A few days ago he discovered 20 head scattered broadcast on the pasture, dead, the result of a few hours' work of dogs of the sheep killing variety. This tends to bear out the statement of The State that this State stands very much in need of some legislation on the dog question that would eliminate a few worthless dogs.

A Former Lancastrian Wins Suit in Columbia.

Columbia Record.

A great legal battle lasting two days, during which there was much sharp cross-questioning of witnesses, a large volume of testimony taken and about fourteen columns of argument released at the defenseless head of the court, has just been brought to a conclusion in Magistrate McMaster's court, to decide the burning issue:

May a tenant convert a kitchen into a stable?

In this particular case the kitchen was in a dilapidated condition and it was not connected with the main premises, but many hours were spent over the point whether it had a floor at the time the rent contract was made. A witness was put up to show that the tenant's negro servant was seen cutting up the floor, but five other witnesses were marched up in solemn and impressive succession to controvert this.

The defendant in this case was Mr. W. H. Sowell, a furniture dealer, doing business in the Greenfield building, and the plaintiff was Mrs. Selina Robertson, who claimed \$50 damages because the defendant, in company with his negro man, "wrongfully entered an out-house, the kitchen of the plaintiff, and broke and injured the walls and doors thereof, and cut to pieces the flooring, broke, defaced and injured the said kitchen and converted the same into a stable, using and keeping his horses therein."

Judgment was finally rendered for the defendant, whereupon Mr. Robertson, who accompanied the plaintiff, his wife, at the trial, wrung his hands and turning up his palms cried, "there is no justice in law." Believing as he does he will likely not appeal the case.

Testimony was introduced at the trial to show that at the time Mr. Sowell rented the place he was told that he might use the kitchen as it suited him. Mr. Joseph Leach defended Mr. Sowell.

To be a Member of Camden's Council.

The Messenger, of Camden, has the following to say this week of Mr. A. J. Beattie, formerly of Lancaster county, who has been recently nominated an alderman of Camden: Mr. A. J. Beattie will have his first experience in political life, but his friends are confident that he will make a good representative of Ward 2. He is identified with the progress of Camden, and is withal a very clever young gentleman.

It is been decided to hold the Confederate veterans' reunion in Columbia May 16th, 17th and 18th.

Homicide in the County.

Jud Washington Shot and Killed by "Judge" Clifton, both Colored.

A homicide occurred last Wednesday morning on Mr. W. B. Culp's plantation a few miles west of town, both parties being negroes. Jud Washington was shot and instantly killed by "Judge" Clifton. The former was 27 years old and leaves a family. Clifton is also a young man and married.

Sheriff Hunter, shortly after it occurred, started out to capture Clifton and was on his way to Mr. Culp's place when he met the negro coming to town to surrender. He was brought on to Lancaster by the Sheriff and lodged in jail.

Magistrate W. P. Caskey held an inquest over the body of Washington, Coroner Caskey being sick. It appears from the testimony taken at the inquest that there had been bad feeling between the two negroes for some time and that threats had been communicated from one to the other through the medium of one Isom Barnes, a mutual friend.—On the morning of the difficulty both Clifton and Washington had their axes, preparatory to going to the woods to cut cordwood. Clifton was at the lot and Washington at the shop not far off. Barnes appeared on the scene, and after some conversation with Clifton the latter went off and returned shortly with a shot gun. He and Washington soon afterward met, and, after exchanging some words, Clifton raised his gun and fired, the load striking Washington in the breast and neck, causing instant death, as stated. According to the testimony, Washington had "set his axe down" before he was shot. A loaded pistol, however, was found on his body after he was killed.

The verdict of the jury was in accordance with the foregoing facts.

Negro Lynched in Louisiana.

Memphis, Tenn., March 28.—A special to The Commercial Appeal from Flora, La., says:

A negro known as "Cotton" was lynched last night near Oak Grove station in West Carroll parish, within an hour after he is alleged to have attempted to criminally assault a young white woman. Miss Blair, daughter of a contractor at a railroad camp where "Cotton" was employed, discovered the negro in her room, screamed and struggled with him until members of the family were aroused. A posse was formed and was quickly in pursuit of "Cotton" who had fled when members of the family came to Miss Blair's rescue. When captured, within an hour, he was hanged to a tree.